

Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Select Board Minutes
May 1, 2017

Board members present: Josh Arneson, Ron Lafreniere, Sharon Murray
Board members absent: Gene Armstrong, Jen Dudley-Gaillard
Also present: Joss Besse, Deb Shelby
Clerk: Amy Grover

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Josh with a quorum of 3 members present.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:

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- Deb Shelby – appointment: Economic Resource Committee.
- Communications: Richmond Police Department – speed control services update; issued - 5 tickets, 7 written warnings, 2 arrests/charges. Amy to follow up with the RPD on areas of patrol.
- Communications: Resident inquiry regarding setting up a food truck at Smilie School in the summer. Concerns noted – liability and insurance specific to the property owner (the MMMUSD), placement at the school, & port o let needs. Allowed under the Bolton Land Use and Development Regulations. Board not excited about adding more "attraction" to an already problematic area.
- Communications: Town Constable Chris Laberge has not been able to follow up with owner of chronic loose dog in West Bolton. Concern that the dog is going to be hit or cause an accident.
- Communications: COTS – Thank you to the town for the 2016-2017 budget allocation.
- Communications: update from the senior meeting and the outreach to Bolton from the Community Senior Center of Bolton, Richmond & Huntington. The CSC would like to include Bolton in programming, identifying needs. Brief discussion: no funding for monthly senior dinners in FY 17-18, possibility of using approved recreation line item to offset dinner costs.
- CCRPC Map Viewer: brief discussion on layers to be included, collective input from town boards on data inclusion. Amy to follow up.
- Local Emergency Operations Plan: submitted to CCRPC by the May 1, 2017 deadline.

Deletions to the Agenda:

- None

3. Public comment: none.

4. Recurring Business:

- Minutes April 26, 2017: Sharon made the motion *"to approve the April 26, 2017 minutes."* Ron seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).
- Warrants: Signed.
- Financial Reports: dispersed. Ron noted concern about an area of guardrails in need of repair on Duxbury Road and available funding. Amy to follow up with Eric on repair plans.

5. Communications: see above under additions.

6. Appointments:

1. Deb Shelby - ERC – see below.

7. Action Items: none

8. Business:

- Personnel Policy – call out hours. Brief discussion and review of draft language. Ron made the motion *"to adopt the Personnel Policy as amended."* Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0).
- Economic Resource Committee – re-appointment
 - Deb reviewed the four ERC goals – funding for senior baskets and the BVFD, compilation of a valid list of Bolton businesses, and Bolton Market Day, now named the Bolton Community Fair, to be held on September 16, 2017 @ Bolton Valley (fundraising at that event).

- Brief discussion on the upcoming senior meeting, working in conjunction with that group, and coordinating with the newly forming Bolton Community Club. Concern expressed that multiple groups may have overlapping goals and interests, may be in better interest of the town to consolidate.
- Discussion on the ERC charge and updates; add in compilation of available grants, special events, update membership and terms. ERC to discuss membership at the next meeting to identify terms, and submit to the Select Board for appointment on June 5, 2017. Amy to edit the current Charge and Membership document and provide to the ERC for their May 23rd meeting.

Deb noted that:

- Her time as the CWAC representative is limited. Noted that the CWAC is a permanent committee – representation is an issue.

The group briefly discussed:

- Lack of any federal funding/payment to the town for the range lands. Noted: Tom Stevens had stated at an earlier Select Board meeting that he would research the genesis of the lack of funding, or a type of "PILOT" payment. In order to pursue, all three towns (Bolton, Underhill, Jericho) need to be in agreement. Suggestion to reach out to the other towns' Select Boards to gauge the interest in pursuing collectively.
- Budgeting for matching grant funds, especially with respect to goals within the Town Plan. Noted: need to identify priorities, and then seek funding. Noted the Capital Planning Committee has identified capital projects that need funding. Suggestion for all committees to meet and set priorities collectively, and then request budget funding for the next FY. Address at upcoming "leadership" meeting.
- VTrans Notch Road Tunnel Project:
 - No further communication from VTrans since the last community meeting. CCRPC noted that communication would be forthcoming. Noted: continued pedestrian safety concerns, use of old traffic data.
 - Brief discussion of involvement by CCRPC and possible inclusion of a pedestrian study in the UPWP mid-year adjustment.
- Consensus to follow up with (the transportation side of) CCRPC; arrange for a possible follow up meeting with VTrans, the Bolton community, MMMUSD, and the Green Mountain Club, including a site visit. Amy to follow up with CCRPC.
- Residents' drainage concerns: a community meeting prior to any work on Wentworth/Thacher Roads would be helpful; residents, Bolton Community Water & Sewer, CCRPC engineer Evan Fitzgerald. Amy to check with Eric on timing. Noted results of grant application are still unknown, would impact the amount of work to be done.
- Historical Society – procedure for starting. Brief discussion of developing a committee or a stand-alone group/nonprofit Society. Concern again expressed that multiple groups may have overlapping goals and interests, may be in better interest of the town to consolidate. Suggested that the folks interested in a Historical Society begin with the Community Club and move on from there.

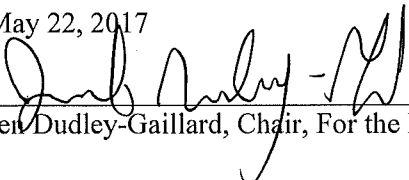
9. **Any Other Business:** none

10. **Closing:** No other business was brought before the Board at this time. Ron made the motion "to close the meeting." Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (3-0) at 7:45 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the Bolton Select Board on:

May 22, 2017


 Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Chair, For the Board